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A Quick Look

Register now

Staff Reports

Registration for an eight-week eLearning accelerated term is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Students may register through Oct. 21 for the classes which begin Oct. 19. Final examinations will be Dec. 7-10.

For more information on registration, contact Student Affairs on the Fulton Campus at (662) 862-8000, at the Tupelo Campus, (662) 620-5000 or email go2iccms.edu.



Katie Hester named NJCAA Goalie of the Week...*See page eleven.*

Presidents make budget request

Staff Reports

Armed with a recent ranking as the top community college system in the nation, leaders of Mississippi's 15 community colleges have made their annual budget request to the Legislative Budget Committee. ***(See page seven for story.)***





Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has been ranked sixth among the nation's best community colleges by the national polling group, WalletHub. In addition, in the same survey, Mississippi's community college system is the best in the country.

Factors such as tuition costs and the availability of no cost tuition were the basis for the ranking system in WalletHub's comparison of 670 community colleges in the United States.

According to WalletHub, community colleges have long been perceived as the bottom rung of the higher education ladder. "The 'junior colleges' as they're sometimes referred to, are finally garnering the respect they deserve."

The average age of community college students is 28, and a "vast majority of these students balance their studies with jobs, family or both, commitments that often limit their enrollment to one or two classes per semester and force them to delay graduation."

ICC's tuition has been consistently ranked among the lowest offered by Mississippi's 15 community colleges. In December, ICC was selected among the 50 Most Affordable Colleges in the United States by AffordableColleges.com with an average in-state tuition of $2,100 per semester and a 51 percent institutional financial rate.

"Providing affordable and accessible education is a significant component of Itawamba Community College's mission," said President Mike Eaton. "National recognition of the College's endeavor is an indication that the College is fulfilling that mission."

Pannell selected as ICC Humanities Teacher of Year

Staff Reports

Dr. Laura Pannell of New Albany, gerontologist, eLearning lead online instructor for educational psychology, psychology and social work since 2006, has been selected as the recipient of ICC's Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher award for 2015.

Pannell will present a lecture entitled Aging in America: Walk a Mile in an Elder's Shoes at 6 p.m., Oct. 26, in the Health Science Education Center auditorium at the Tupelo Campus.



Laura Pannell

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the presentation.

Pannell will be honored at the Humanities Council annual awards dinner in February.

Her educational background includes both the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi and the doctorate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She served as a contributor for "Seasons of Caring," which was published earlier this year.

Pannell is a member of several professional organizations. Among her numerous awards are NISOD Award of Excellence, ICC Meritorious Achievement and 2012 Faculty Lamplighter for the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and 2014-15 Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence.

She is president of the Benton/Union County Cluster and past president of the Friends of the North Mississippi State Hospital.

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VIEWPOINT
MICHAELA COOPER
Editor

The journey starts now

Well, school's officially in full swing! The 3 a.m. study sessions, midnight Walmart runs and consistently empty wallets have already begun to take over our lives.

And the saddest part is, we're not even to midterms yet. By this point in the semester, most of us have already completed our first, if not our second tests, and we all (well, most of us anyway) are focused on ensuring that our GPAs do not suffer the same fate that our bank accounts have and not deplete any further.

But in all of the focusing toward our classes, how many of you have thought about where your classes are going to be next year? If you are a freshman, congratulations! You already know the answer. You have another year at the sixth best community college in the nation. For us sophomores, though, it's time to start looking toward the next step. Even though it's only the first semester, now is the time to start planning college visits. Do not procrastinate as we so often do with our school-related work.

Transferring sophomores, your fall checklist should include:

1. Schedule college visits for any potential prospects.
2. Find a list of scholarships for each so that you can compare the yearly costs.
3. Look at potential housing opportunities and how they correspond with your budget.
4. Finally, select the next place you will call home.

These are steps that need to be taken before December. Most university scholarships open at the beginning of the spring semester. I don't know about you, but money plays a big role in my decision-making regarding where I want to continue my education. I definitely don't want to have student loans for the rest of my life. If we begin taking the steps toward where we want to continue our education now, we will be fully prepared to begin application for the scholarships which become available in January.

Right now, ICC is the place we call home. Whether you want to yell "Hotty Toddy" or ring "Hail State" or any other cheer during your next step, remember where you started and how far you have come. Also, remember how far you still have to go. We all must make sure that we find the best college that will help us complete that journey toward reaching our dreams.

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

8 — Last day to drop eLearning 4-week accelerated term with a 'W'

9 — Progress reports posted

12 — eLearning (Aug.-Oct.) accelerated term final exams

13 — Final exams begin for 4-week accelerated term (Sept.) and Aug.-Oct. 8-week term; through Oct. 15

19 — Advising period begins; 8-week accelerated term classes begin

26 — PTK Organ Donation Emphasis Week begins; presentation 1:30 p.m.

27 — Baptist Student Union Halloween Party 7:07-9 p.m.

30 — PTK Dress Up as Your Best Organ costume contest

COMING UP...

November 4
Last day to drop eLearning classes with a 'W'

November 23-27
Thanksgiving holidays (students and faculty)
November 24, 4:30 p.m.
Offices close

See page eight for music and concerts ... and page eleven for sports schedules or visit LetsGoICC.com.

Staff Reports



VOICES
ALEXIS GUY
Staff

It is up to all of us
to participate

The start of freshman year is always an exciting time, but also can be a scary and stressful time for many incoming students. The fear of not meeting new people or making friends is constantly on a student's mind. The key to overcoming this fear and having a great freshman year depends on one thing: involvement.

ICC offers a variety of clubs and organizations for involvement. As a student, finding an organization does not have to be difficult. A few organizations include, but are not limited to, the Baptist Student Union, Student Government Association and Indian Delegation. These organizations plus an extensive list of others encourage students to become part of something, really get involved and meet people. An outgoing personality is not required for membership because a variety of people comprise these clubs. The great thing about the BSU, for example, is it provides a friendly environment for playing games, encouraging one another and developing lifelong relationships. The SGA sponsors and hosts many events that provide an opportunity for students to meet people and have fun. There will be countless movie nights and fun events all year.

Regardless of your interests, there is something for everyone at ICC. The wide variety of clubs and organizations can be found under the student life tab on ICC's homepage as well as on page 5 of this issue.

In addition, a full intramural schedule includes basketball, flag football and ultimate Frisbee. I got involved with ultimate Frisbee last year because I was driving past the intramural field (next to the softball field) and saw people throwing a Frisbee. I went out there and made a ton of friends because of it. It's also great exercise and provides a competitive atmosphere where teamwork is crucial. When intramurals begin, most of the coaches or teams post a schedule, which is also located on ICC's calendar and accessible via student email. Whether you're interested in a sport, club or organization or running for office or a position on the homecoming court, involvement in student activities is essential.

The first year of college is a new, exciting season of your life. ICC makes it easy for students to get involved and find something new in which to participate. Almost always, there is something going on at ICC. The same applies for sophomores, too.

This is the best part of our lives...let's make it great! Let's get involved!

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LETTERS
To the Editor

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Itawamba Community College
Homecoming
2015






Itawamba Junior College


















STUDENT SERVICES
WELCOME
TO THE
Alumnus of the Year
Athletic Hall of Fame
Awards Luncheon






INDIANS

FYI
MAKE A NOTE OF IT

ICC offers free shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have an opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as the Health Science Education Center on the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card.

The shuttle departs from Fulton at 7:15 a.m. and from Tupelo at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m. and Tupelo, at 3:35 p.m.

Review lockdown procedures today

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

Notification will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately, Collins said.

The procedures include: 1) Lock all doors and windows; 2) Close all blinds; 3) Turn off lights; 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection; 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows; 6) Make no noises.; and 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives the ALL CLEAR code.

ICC ALERT
Sign up today!

ICC ALERT is a mass notification system that enables the College to inform students, faculty and staff of any emergencies or imminent weather or other danger situations.

"All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for the service," according to Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

The notifications also include class closure because of inclement weather. Messages are sent via text, voice and email.

To sign up:

1. Click on myTribe at the top of ICC's website, www.iccms.edu.
2. Log in using your user name and password.
3. Click on the ICC ALERT System under Links.
4. Provide the contact information to receive messages.

For more information, call (662) 862-8295.

New service for students
MDH opens offices at Fulton, Tupelo

A social worker with the Mississippi Department of Health is located on the ICC Fulton Campus on Mondays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Housing office and on the Tupelo Campus on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Success Center.

Services provided for students include education about unplanned pregnancy, birth control options and sexually transmitted diseases. According to Carole Ann Sewell of the Mississippi Department of Health, "We also help the students obtain Family Planning Medicaid which will pay for checkups, lab work, pregnancy test, STD treatment, HPV vaccine and birth control methods."

Students can leave a message at the following numbers any day of the week: Fulton, (662) 862-8340; Tupelo, (662) 620-5279; or (662) 728-3518 (Wednesday-Friday). Phone calls and discussions are confidential.

Belden Center students can visit either campus or call any number for assistance.

Alternate contacts are Annice Simmons or Georgia Sasso at (662) 841-9096.

- Staff Reports -



New faculty and staff members are front, from left, Brian Warren, Amber King; second, row, David Strother, Sakina Hill; third row, Jerry Pettigrew, Dr. Amanda Woods, Lisa Thompson; fourth row, Terry Bland, Jordan Bennett; fifth row, Paige Kennedy, Lee McMullen, Carla Turner; sixth row, Marcus Windham, Matt Dickerson; back, Dr. Justin Spencer, Cheree Brown and Darrell Hill.

Layman participates in fellowship program

Staff Reports

Cindy Layman of Mantachie, computer networking technology instructor at ICC, participated in the prestigious Mississippi Space Grant Consortium Fellowship Program this summer at the NASA Stennis Space Center.

Layman was one of five community college faculty members in the state selected to receive the $12,000 stipend for the eight-week fellowship program. The program provided the opportunity to work in a NASA propulsion testing area with test stand technicians learning the skills needed for graduates of their program to work successfully with NASA. As a result, this fall, faculty members have returned to their classrooms with the technical skills they learned as well as the non-technical but critical topics they experienced, such as safety and team building, enhancing the competence and marketability of their students.

"The faculty internship at Stennis was a wonderful experience that allowed me to interact with talented professionals



Cindy Layman

across all areas of NASA and build relationships that will benefit both me and my students," Layman said. "My project used communication technology that is directly related to concepts my networking students are learning, yet it was used in a way that I can now share with my students. I strongly encourage my students to participate in IT internships before they receive their degree. This was an opportunity for me to lead by example."

New members of ICC family participate in orientation

Staff Reports

Several new faculty and staff members participated in orientation at the beginning of the fall semester.

They include **Jordan Bennett** of Fulton, grounds; **Terry Bland** of Tupelo, director of financial aid; **Cheree Brown** of Fulton, business manager; **Matt Dickerson** of Mooreville, campus police; **Darrell Hill** of Fulton, painter; **Sakina Hill** of Amory, housekeeping; **Paige Kennedy** of Tremont, administrative assistant for instructional services; **Amber King** of Tupelo, English instructor; **Lee McMullen** of Fulton, groundskeeper; **Jerry Pettigrew** of Tupelo, precision manufacturing and machining technology; **Justin Spencer** of Belden, mathematics instructor; **David Strother** of Fulton, head women's soccer coach; **Lisa Thompson** of Fulton, housekeeping; **Carla Turner** of Tupelo, housekeeping; **Brian Warren** of Pontotoc, electrical technology instructor; **Marcus Windham** of Fulton, assistant football coach; and **Dr. Krista Woods** of Carbon Hill, Ala., health and wellness director.

Bennett, who is a resident of Fulton, has one child.

Bland earned the bachelor's degree from Union University and is currently working toward the master's degree from Walden University. His previous experience includes financial aid auditor for ICC (2011) and director of financial aid for Northwest Mississippi Community College. He is married to Donja Bland.

A Certified Public Accountant, Brown earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from the University of Mississippi. She and her husband, Jamie, have two children.

Dickerson and his wife, Tasha, have two children, Bryleigh, 4, and Paisleigh, 11 months. He has been a state-certified law enforcement officer for nine years.

Darrell Hill was previously employed as a carpenter with Doyle Davis & Son for 32 years. He has two children.

Sakina Hill's employment background includes housekeeper for the North Mississippi State Hospital. She has three children.

Kennedy, who previously served as part-time administrative assistant for alumni affairs and institutional advancement, earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.

King came to ICC from Hinds Community College, where she taught English at the Raymond Campus. She earned the associate's degree from Hinds; bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women and the master's degree from the University of Alabama. She has one child.

Pettigrew earned the associate's degree in tool and die technology from ICC. He and his wife, Dawn, have two children.

Spencer earned the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Mississippi. In 2012-13, he was selected as H.E.A.D.W.A.E. honoree at Blue Mountain College. He previously served as an adjunct instructor at the ICC Tupelo Campus. Spencer and his wife, Amanda, have two children.

Strother, who is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, earned the bachelor's degree from Belhaven University. He and his wife, Nina, have two children.

Thompson and her husband, Bobby, have three daughters, Heather, Holly and Hannah; twin sons, Sean and Seth; and one grandchild, Cannon.

Turner, who earned the GED certificate after she was out of school for 18 years, has been enrolled in college courses. She has two children.

Warren earned the associate's degree in electrical technology at ICC.

Windham earned the bachelor's degree from Southwest Baptist University.

Woods' educational background includes the bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama - Birmingham; and the master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama. She has one child.



The winners are...

ICC freshman nursing students who have won awards for their projects on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs include from left, Marilyn Ramirez, first; Ruth Watson, second; and Alayna Narred, third.

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8329
	Jason Campbell	862.8357
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Computer Science	Delores Tull	862.8138
Diversity Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
Fut. Ed. of Amer.	Chris Cox	862.8181
Gospel Sounds	Carrie Ball-Williamson	862.8123
Indian Delegation	Emily Tucker	862.8253
Mirror	Kim Williams	862.8242
MS Early Educators	Holly Kirk	862.8136
Modern Language	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
Phi Theta Kappa	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8236
Photography Club	Kim Williams	862.8242
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Science Club	Pam Clevenger	862.8362
	Betsy Chesnutt	862.8365
SGA	Dr. Buddy Collins	862.8271

TUPELO CAMPUS

Amer. Sign Lang.	Nikki Martin	620.5038
Bass Club	Jason Gholston	620.5159
	Dylan Baldwin	620.5156
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
HOSA	Lori Little	620.5122
Indian Delegation	Larry Boggs	862.8252
Legal Ed. Assn.	Lynn Millender	620.5345
	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
Phi Beta Lambda	Tammy Lauderdale	620.5128
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Ira Lindsay Kinard	620.5043
	Betsy White	620.5033
NCF	Dr. Earnest Agnew	620.5208
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Resp. Therapy	James Newell	620.5237
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
SkillsUSA	Brad Crowder	620.5155
SNA	Robin Phillips	620.5222

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

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Campus Minis. Int.	Tony Lee	862.8224
FCA	Nanci Gray	862.8420
Wesley Foundation	John Foster	

Phi Theta Kappa
begins membership drive

IMANI MORRISON-CLARK
Sports Editor

Honor students at ICC who aren't already affiliated with Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society, should be receiving membership invitations soon, if they haven't already.

Students who meet the criteria will receive an email and a letter from PTK and Itawamba Community College President Mike Eaton.

To join, students must meet all eligibility requirements which include at least 12 academic hours and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. The deadline for fall membership is Nov. 1.

Students who qualify accept the invitation and pay a one-time $100 fee, which guarantees access to scholarships, leadership and fellowship. Members can also earn a minimum of $8,000 in scholarships upon transferring to a university or four-year college. Typically students who serve as officers and/or members of the honors forum earn additional full-tuition scholarships, according to Fulton Campus advisor Robin Lowe.



New members of Phi Theta Kappa participate in the formal induction ceremony last spring in this file photo.

The top 10 percent of students who succeed academically are chosen, Lowe said.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission includes to recognize and encourage academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Additional PTK advisors on the Fulton Campus Upsilon Sigma chapter are Jolene Hoots, Dr. Ashley Lancaster and Heather McCormick and on the Tupelo Campus for the Beta Tau Sigma chapter, Dr. Delena Hukle, Betsy White, Lindsay Kinard and Jenny Bowers.

For more information, students should contact one of the advisors at either campus.

Bass Club joins list of activities for students

Staff Reports

A new ICC club is providing opportunities for students who enjoy fishing, regardless of their ability.

The Bass Club has been organized to present the sport of bass fishing in a positive manner, to provide opportunities for students to engage in a bass fishing sports club and to participate in competitive bass fishing in a collegiate level as well as to promote bass fishing and cooperation with other organizations on campus.

The club is open to all full-time ICC students at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses in good standing, regardless of fishing ability. Club members must maintain an overall 2.0 grade point average to be eligible to compete.

The first meeting will be at 1 p.m., Oct. 14, in Natural Science 217.

For more information, contact sponsors Jason Gholston [(662) 620-5159, jwgholston@iccms.edu], Dylan Baldwin [(662) 620-5156, dcbaldwin@iccms.edu], both at the Tupelo Campus, and Emily Loden-Jones [(662) 862-5329, ekloden@iccms.edu] or Jason Campbell [(662) 862-8357, jwcampbell@iccms.edu], both at the Fulton Campus.

Maggie Bushway receives Emerging Filmmakers grant

ICC sophomore Maggie Bushway of Tupelo has received the Emerging Filmmakers grant from the Mississippi Film and Video Alliance to make her tenth short film, *Sad Face*, which is currently in production.

Bushway was born in Meridian, but grew up in Colorado Springs, Colo. In 2013 she moved to Tupelo, where she began working on making independent films and making her own short films. A theatre major at ICC, she is involved in the recently-developed film program. She is the daughter of Rob and Kathi Bushway.



Maggie Bushway

The purpose of the $2,500 grant is to help develop Mississippi's film and video artists as the next generation of Mississippi's legacy of storytelling. It will enable Bushway to purchase equipment and to pay her cast and crew. She has one year to complete a film, which will premiere at a public screening.

"Many Mississippi filmmakers apply for this grant; therefore, it is quite an honor for Ms. Bushway to receive it," said Morgan Cutturini, English instructor and Film Club sponsor at ICC.

MOSA elects reps

Staff Reports

The Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Students has elected officers for 2015-16.

They include Sara Malmberg, president; Jim Coker, vice president; Abby Taylor, Taylor Gosa, public relations; Kristen Hankins, Katarina Taylor, freshman representatives; and Michael Foley, Valerie West, sophomore representatives.

SGA reps elected, begin work





Recently-elected Student Government Association representatives on the Fulton Campus include in left photo, seated from left, Dee Stegall, at-large; Kateland Kennedy, Lee County; Tori Bobo, at-large; Blake Guntharp, Pontotoc County; standing, Abby Cantrell, Monroe County; Lakyn Todd, Itawamba County; and Alexis Smith, Chickasaw County. Students on the Tupelo Campus, right photo, include from left, Allysa Lipsey, Pontotoc County; Sarah Radcliff, Lee County; and Janet Williams, at-large. Not pictured is Anna-Claire Prather, Tupelo Campus at-large representative.

Five participate in MSU summit

Five ICC students participated in the 2015 Mississippi State University Men and Women of Color Summit recently.

They include Alexis Smith of Houston, James Goodman of Columbus, Allysa Lipsey of Pontotoc, Dee Stegall of Smithville and Dewayne Cochran of Byram.

The program was designed to engage minority students with faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and others interested in dialogue about critical issues related to academic and professional success.

Get involved...join an ICC organization today!

Gov. Bryant visits ICC to see 'one of the best in America'



Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant emphasizes the importance of finding a career, not a job, during his tour of the robotics lab in a recent visit to ICC's Belden Center as ICC President Mike Eaton listens intently.

Staff Reports

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant visited ICC's Belden Center recently because he "wanted to come see one of the best community colleges in America."

Bryant was referring to ICC's recent selection by WalletHub as the sixth best community college in the nation.

In making brief remarks to the guests who were assembled across from the WIN Job Center, Bryant emphasized finding a career, not just a job, but a two-car and a boat job, a traditional job to pass along to a son or daughter, a generational job."

"We (in Mississippi) have a robust community college program," Bryant said. "More people are working, and there is less employment. I hope that legislators will put the $50 million now in reserve funds into community colleges to update and add equipment and expand facilities."

Bryant said that non-traditional students, some with bachelor's degrees, are enrolling in Mississippi's community colleges.

"I'm here to see the advances we are making, how we can help," Bryant said.

He stressed the importance of the Mississippi Works app, which can be utilized to locate and apply for jobs in the state.

"As I travel the state, I see amazing things," Bryant said. "It's having an opportunity for a career one day." He noted that people move to Mississippi because it's where they want to raise their families. "The minute we get them here, they don't want to leave. We don't want it, too."

Bryant emphasized the importance of learning to read. "Children have to learn how to read. We must dedicate ourselves to the proposition that they learn to read."

In addition, Bryant said that middle skills training is vital. "We must make sure that they start here. Community colleges do it better than anybody. It's part of workforce training."

WalletHub also named Mississippi's community college system as the best in the nation. ***(See related story on page one.)***

Emison's plan includes a place for adult learners

Staff Reports

ICC's new dean of Career and Technical Instruction Barry Emison has been on the job for only a short time, but he has a plan.

He talks about a pipeline for learning. And, he's emphatic that adult learners have a place in education.

Emison knows. He attended college...at ICC...as an adult learner because his socioeconomic level was a barrier. "When I graduated, I couldn't go to college," he said. "I had been out of high school for three years. As an adult learner, I felt out of place. I knew that I had certain talents and skills, just as all adult learners do. They don't feel that they have a voice, or they feel that no one cares, but I care about them because I have been there. College can be very intimidating."

Emison credits former ICC instructor Don Taylor, who encouraged him to succeed. "He treated me with respect, asked my opinion, nurtured and mentored me. I want to be like him.

"I want to reach out to those in the same position I was in 1986," Emison continued. "When I found out that college was possible, I was looking for a way to make an extra $2 per hour. As a former first generation adult learner, I want to emphasize enrollment options and possibilities for that significant group."

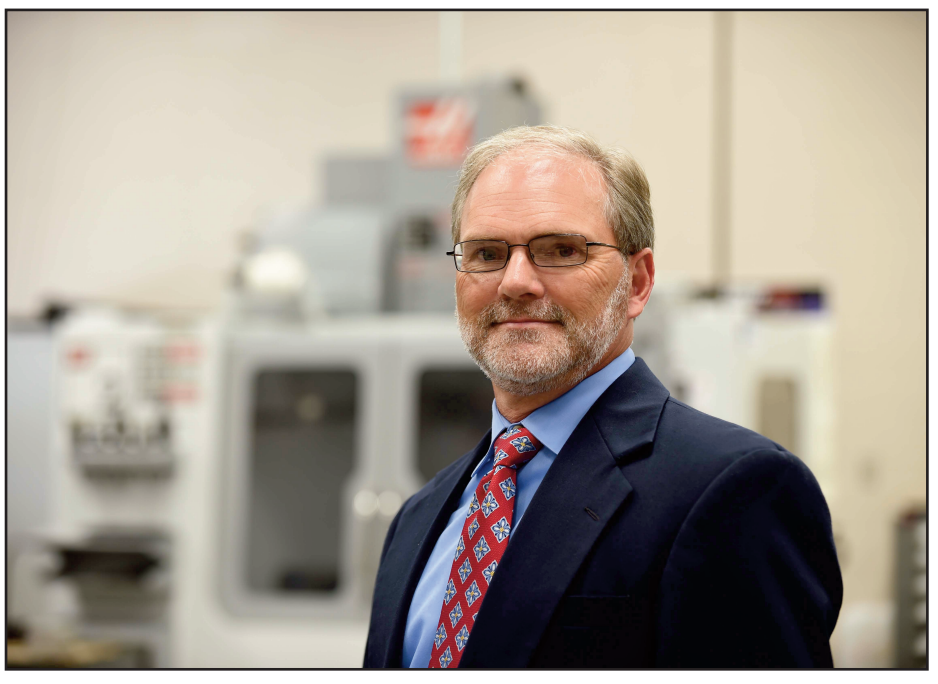
Itawamba Community College has very strong CTE programs, Emison said. His plan includes building on the success of his predecessors and "strengthening the programs more. Eddie McCarthy and Don Benjamin used to set up at the plants, break rooms and offices and reach out. I want to do that again." He said that it's important to increase the skills and value of the employees as well as their livelihood. "CTE is a perfect venue for this. I want to look for ways to increase after work and evening enrollment. We need to offer options for those who work on swing shifts, maybe night instruction through team teaching.

"I would imagine that some of our instructors have never taught a class in industry," Emison said. "Teaching those classes will enable them to have a new understanding of the challenges that many of those individuals face in either returning to school or going to college for the first time."

Emison also wants to increase dual credit offerings in Career and Technical Education for students who simultaneously earn both high school and college credit for courses. Currently the four pilot clusters are law enforcement, marketing, advanced manufacturing and welding.

The students who take advantage of the dual credit program can enroll at ICC, Emison said, with at least a semester, if not more, of work completed. That creates a pipeline for those students. "Anything we can do to increase the pipeline," Emison said. "We're offering solutions and options." His creation of a pipeline also includes those students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades who participate in the annual Tek2Go manufacturing solutions camp at ICC each summer.

As an instructor in Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology, his previous job, Emison played an active role in recruiting with the mobile lab, which is an opportunity for residents of ICC's five-county district to explore potential careers in modern manufacturing technology. The interactive lab, which is designed for eighth graders through adults, demonstrates the skills needed for success in today's industrial environment and the high-tech, high-salary jobs for which ICC can provide an educational edge, which fits nicely into his plan.



Barry Emison, formerly director of the Precision Manufacturing and Machining program, became dean of Career and Technical Instruction, July 1.

"Making connections is significant. I went with the lab to area schools because it's important to reach younger students." As his schedule permits, Emison plans to continue that effort.

Emison said that the College is exploring areas to expand Career and Technical Education opportunities. "We're evaluating unserved markets, listening to our business and industry partners and researching new areas."

He also wants to expand and strengthen ICC's internal relationship among the areas of workforce, career and technical instruction and recruiting.

"CTE at ICC has evolved," Emison said, "but it's a continuing process. We want everyone to realize that education is an opportunity for all, and we want to encourage, nurture and mentor them. Just as Don Taylor did for me."

Student Success

Relationships are key to advising

Staff Reports

Although its technology-driven system is one-of-a-kind, ICC's Advising Center is more about cultivating and maintaining relationships between faculty advisers and students.

"No one else has a system which is technology-driven," said Mande Miller, director. "With that system, we have the ability to plan from start to finish, a significant component of student success, which results in both the center's and the College's ultimate success."

The planning process begins when students enroll at ICC. The first step is assignment of an adviser for assistance in planning a program of study, scheduling courses and ensuring the students stay on track to graduate. The adviser must approve all scheduling transactions (dropping or adding a class) and may also be utilized as a key campus contact resource person, Miller said.

But academic advising at ICC is more than that. It emphasizes investing in the student by fostering an adviser-advisee relationship committed to student success through degree completion while collaboratively working with advisers through structured professional development programs and promoting career options for all students.

Miller emphasized that the adviser-advisee relationship is a key component of the process. "We invest time and effort in helping our students be successful. There is constant communication between the advising center and the faculty to ensure that we enable them to stay on track."

Miller said that ICC's faculty can take advantage of numerous advising resources which the center provides. It is also significant that the advising system facilitates the seamless transition from one adviser to another if students change their major since all records are online.

Not all students declare a major or have established goals when they enroll, Miller said. "At ICC advising and career services are integrating more career planning since students don't have an opportunity to explore majors in high school as they once did."

As students complete work toward their degree, they can participate in Advising Center-sponsored college fairs so that they talk with representatives of both four-year colleges and universities as well as medical and professional schools. "We feel that connection is important because as they begin the transfer process once they graduate, our students can begin building the same type of relationship with those schools as they have at ICC. Nothing can replace that."



Diann Nichols assists students in the Advising Center at the Fulton Campus.



Dr. Bronson Prochaska meets with participants during the L.E.A.P. Bridge program this summer at the Fulton Campus.

L.E.A.P. program creates excitement

Staff Reports

A new initiative at ICC this summer created excitement and etched a smile on the face of its coordinator, Dr. Bronson Prochaska, director of Student Success.

The L.E.A.P. Summer Bridge program, which supports transition from high school to college, offers a head start toward credits for ICC graduation and prepares participants for English composition I or college algebra, has created a learning community, Prochaska said.

As part of the program, the 50 L.E.A.P. participants were required to visit the ICC Success Center, where mentors assisted them with their homework or provided answers to any questions they had.

Prochaska said the focus of the Student Success Centers on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses, which she directs, this fall is early intervention, and L.E.A.P. falls into that category.

In the case of L.E.A.P., ICC is providing early intervention before students become full-time and taking 16-17 hours and are overwhelmed. "We will set them up to handle a full course load and to give them the tools to be successful. L.E.A.P. has been successful," Prochaska said. "However, the proof will be in the pudding in December when they complete college algebra and English comp."

Prochaska said that this fall ICC is expanding its Early Alert Referral System and participation. Early Alert allows faculty and staff members to refer struggling students who need assistance so that they can be connected with college resources to resolve their academic issues. The goal is to maintain or improve grade point average and both student retention and graduation rates. Depending on the needs of the student, the resources could include either academic, career or personal counseling; disability support services, the Learning Resource Center, financial aid or the behavior intervention team. "If students are referred to early intervention, their instructor feels that they would benefit from additional campus resources," Prochaska noted. "To better ensure their success, we need to reach them as early in the semester as possible."

Being proactive and in tune with the students' needs is vital. "We always focus on being a resource for students," Prochaska said. "In early intervention, we try to reach out to students as soon as an instructor or a student sees a need. Academic or personally, they reach out to us. And we are always here for them."

Community college presidents present state budget request

Staff Reports

Armed with a recent ranking as the top community college system in the nation, leaders of Mississippi's 15 community colleges told the Legislative Budget Committee that for every dollar invested in community colleges by Mississippi taxpayers the payback is that dollar, plus an additional $3.86.

"If community colleges were a company, would you recommend to Warren Buffett that he buy it? The answer, of course, is yes," said Dr. Jesse Smith, president of Jones County Junior College and chair of the 15-member Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

The National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (nSPARC), based at Mississippi State University, analyzed data through the Mississippi Life-Tracks statewide integrated data system that includes the community colleges, eight universities and other state agencies.

The nSPARC report, titled "What is the Value of Community Colleges to Mississippi Taxpayers?," showed the state reaps $4.86 in return to Mississippi taxpayers for every state dollar spent supporting community colleges.

In August, WalletHub, a financial analyst company for small business and consumers, gave Mississippi's community colleges the top ranking for cost, classroom experience and education/career outcomes, and Itawamba Community College ranked sixth in the nation.

The community colleges serve nearly 250,000 Mississippians, including 74,168 college students, 90,000 workforce trainees and more than 17,000 adult education students.

The community colleges are asking for an $82.7 million increase in state funding for FY2017. Of that request, $64.5 million is directed to mid-level funding (MLF), which was unanimously passed by the 2007 Legislature and brings per-student support at a midpoint between per student spending for K-12 and regional public universities. The Legislature needs to increase per-student funding at community colleges by $2,062 to achieve MLF.

The remainder of the request includes $8 million for repair and renovation for facility improvements and $10.1 million to help fund MI-BEST, Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training.

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MISSISSIPPI'S COMMUNITY & JUNIOR COLLEGES

The MI-BEST model bridges the skills gap for higher wage jobs, while equipping high school dropouts with job-ready credentials. Students in the program are concurrently enrolled in adult education and career pathway programs. MI-BEST also provides a safety net of support services to help adult learners earn employer-recognized credentials.

According to Mississippi Works, Gov. Phil Bryant's workforce program, there are 35,000 unfilled jobs in the state. In Mississippi only 55 percent of working-age adults are employed.

"The available job opportunities have changed from lower- to middle-skill jobs," said Dr. David C. Cole, vice president of Economic and Community Services at ICC. "These jobs require a level of technical proficiency beyond the high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree. Until Mississippians have adequate employment, recovery will continue to be a strategic goal."

Community college leaders also expressed concern about rising tuition costs. Nine of 15 colleges increased tuition in 2015. The average tuition and fees are $2,576 now, which is a 4 percent increase over 2014. "We at Itawamba Community College would certainly be concerned about increasing tuition since providing affordable education is significant for us," said ICC President Mike Eaton. "To continue to raise tuition will prohibit some students from being able to access higher education and their American dream."

In FY 2016, student tuition and fees accounted for 32 percent of revenues for the colleges, compared to 18 percent in FY 2000. With broad missions, the 15 two-year colleges say they manage lean budgets to make the path to degrees and certificates more cost-efficient, for both students and the state.

The funding bolsters faculty resources at the two-year colleges, where 69 percent of the budget is spent on salaries. The legislative request includes a commitment to raise community college instructor salaries to a competitive level between the average university faculty salary and the K-12 public school teacher salary. Community college faculty salaries are currently $6,984 below their midpoint target. It will take about $45 million to reach the mid-point salary target. The colleges are asking for half that amount in FY 2017.

The colleges also requested $37.5 million per year for a two-year bond bill commitment, similar to the bond commitment made to the university system. "Itawamba Community College continues to look at improvements at our facilities," said President Mike Eaton. "A two-year bond bill commitment will enable us to plan more effectively. We are currently addressing facility needs at the Tupelo Campus as part of a five-year plan. Updating facilities is a continuous process."

While acknowledging increased state support for the past four years, Dr. Clyde Muse, president of Hinds Community College, told the committee, "It is our responsibility to let you know what our needs are."

In 2000, state funds accounted for 55 percent of the community college E&G budget. In FY 2016, state support stands at 41 percent.

UPCOMING
MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

October 20
National Day on Writing

November 10
Small Ensemble Concert
FAA - 6:30 p.m.

Staff Reports

ICC selects CenterStage

Staff Reports

Members of CenterStage, ICC's pop show group, have been selected for 2015-16.

They include vocalists **Theodore Boyd** of Aberdeen; **Benjamin Watson** of Amory; **Tara Edington** of Ecru; **James Harden** of Fulton; **Jacob Loveless** of Hamilton, Ala.; **Saydee Moss** of Houlka; **Davianna Pulliam** of Houston; **Jon Hudson** of Iuka; **Kayla Mattox** of Mantachie; **Layla Taylor** of Nettleton; **Caleb Smith** of Potts Camp; **Georgia Conner** of Ripley; **Justin Pitts** of Smithville; and **Hannah Henry**, **William Tomes**, both of Tupelo.

Band members selected are **Jonathan Tate** of Long Beach, Calif.; **Johnny Dennis** of Oxford; **Lazarrus Miller** of Shannon; and B**randon Gregory**, **James Spencer**, both of Tupelo.

Members of the crew are **Landon Knowlton** of Belden; **Meghan Higginbottom** of Belmont; **Tabitha Foster** of New Albany; **Rachel Ginn** of Pontotoc; **Natasha Junearick**, **Marquan McCoy**, both of Tupelo; and **Theresa Frost** of Vicksburg.

Directors are **Karen Davis** of Baldwyn and **Christy Colburn** of Amory.

National Day on Writing reception to honor winners

Staff Reports

ICC is celebrating Oct. 20 as the National Day on Writing, and a reception has been scheduled for noon-2 p.m. in the Writing Center at the Fulton Campus.

The National Day on Writing celebrates the importance of writing in everyday life.

Writing, art and music entries have been submitted for consideration.

The work will be displayed from Oct. 20-Nov. 1.

On display

Collections, Conglomerates, Constellations' up through Oct. 16 in FA Gallery





Staff Reports

"Collections, Conglomerates, Constellations," the work of Robert Ring of Fulton, is on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the ICC Fulton Campus through Oct. 16.

Ring's multimedia wall hangings incorporate porcelain figures that reach back to a Victorian age aristocratic America. Ironically, all of the American figurines collected by Ring and utilized in his works were manufactured in Japan. The works are in some way reflective of Ring's experience growing up as a Japanese American in the South.

"My work embraces a love for objects," Ring said. "I have tried to create a new context for the viewer by composing 'found objects' which were produced in multitudes, objects which individually may only resemble a cheap imitation of a more refined taste. I've gathered them from memories of my childhood. Nostalgia massed together that forces an aesthetic from their repetition."

Ring earned the undergraduate degree from Austin Peay University and the MFA from the University of Mississippi. From 2007-14 he served as Gallery director and exhibition coordinator for Mississippi State University.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays except for holidays.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.

Dinner Theatre set for Nov. 17-19
Tickets on sale now

Staff Reports

ICC's Indian Players will present "Nana's Naughty Knickers," Nov. 17, 18 and 19, at the David C. Cole Student Services building on the Fulton Campus.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7 p.m.

"Nana's Naughty Knickers" by Katherine DiSavino takes place inside Sylvia Charles' rent-controlled apartment, where she has been living since the early '30s.

Sylvia, who is Bridget's grandmother, is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five-borough area.

The cast and crew include Daniqua Stephens (Sylvia Charles); Katie Banes (Vera Walters), MiKayla Clouse (Heather Van Pree), Kelsey Holder (Clair/student director), Maggie Bushway (technical director), Jordan Wade (Bridget Charles), Chauncey Mullins (Tom O'Grady), Demaris Samuel (UPS Man), Jared Shields (Mr. Tompkins), JT Washington (Gil Schmidt) and Hunter Payne (Theatre Dept. student worker).

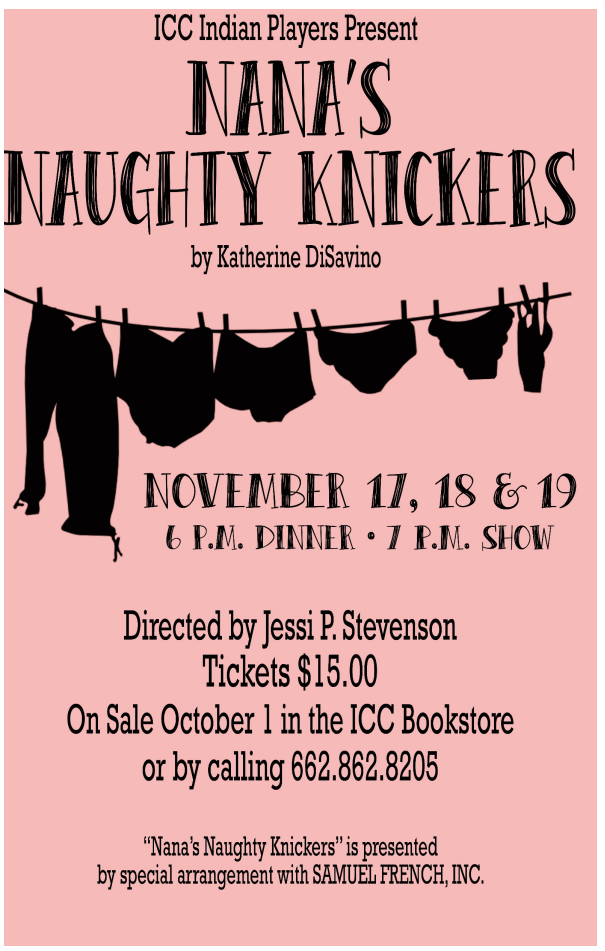
Jessi Stevenson is the director.

"Nana's Naughty Knickers" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Tickets, which are $15, are on sale in the ICC Bookstore at the Fulton Campus or may be reserved by calling (662) 862-8205.



The cast and crew of "Nana's Naughty Knickers" include front, from left, Daniqua Stephens, Katie Banes, MiKayla Clouse, Kelsey Holder, Maggie Bushway; and back, Jordan Wade, Chauncey Mullins, Demaris Samuel and JT Washington. Not pictured is Jared Shields.





Constitution Day

State Sen.-elect Chad McMahan (R. - Guntown) was the speaker for Itawamba Community College's Constitution Day, Sept. 17, at the Fulton Campus, which was sponsored by the Political Science Club.

Phi Theta Kappa Organ Donation Awareness Week
Fulton Campus

October 26-30

Proclamation
October 26

Dress Up as Your Best Organ Costume Contest
October 30

Magnolia Gold begins at ICC this fall

Staff Reports

ICC's Color Guard presenting the colors during the first football game this fall is evidence of a thriving Magnolia Gold program, which began in August.

The new campus-based program is affiliated with the Mississippi Army National Guard.

"The Magnolia Gold program offers a unique opportunity for young men and women to become leaders in the Mississippi Army National Guard while working toward a college degree," said Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

Students don't have to enlist to take courses as an elective. Those who do enlist take advantage of such benefits as tuition assistance and monthly pay.

The first course that is being offered this fall is Foundation of Officership. It incorporates leadership and teamwork training and activities, and it meets from 6-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Fulton Campus in the eLearning Building with the lab at different locations.

Students receive three hours of credit for the class, which should transfer to ROTC programs at the university level.

ICC is one of only a select few community colleges in the state to offer the program, Collins said.

Sgt. David Sistrunk is the instructor for the classes.



Members of ICC's Magnolia Gold Color Guard present the colors at the season's first football game at the Fulton Campus.

Apply by Dec. 15 for academic teams, scholars program

Staff Reports

Every ICC student who meets the requirements is invited to apply for the All-USA Community College Academic Team, the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team, the New Century Scholars program or any All-State Community College Academic Team.

Requirements for eligible students include 30 credit hours (excludes developmental courses) by Dec. 15 and a 3.5 grade point average or better.

From the applicants, four students will be selected to represent ICC. One of the nominees will receive a $1,000 scholarship, but all four representatives will be eligible for additional scholarships.

To apply, go to http://www.my.ptk.org/edge. The student should create an account if he/she doesn't already have a PTK account. In addition, the applicant must answer the questions carefully to ensure that he/she self-identifies with his/her specific ICC campus and then complete the application. The application must be fully completed except for the recommendation letters.

The recommendation letters will be needed and written after the four students are chosen to represent ICC.

All remaining students may choose to remain eligible for other scholarships.



WellFIT *offers chance to FIT in*

Staff Reports

Students, faculty and staff have an opportunity to take advantage of WellFIT 365 activities this fall.

All of the activities are free and made possible through the WellFIT 365 initiative, which is focused on improving health and wellness for the ICC campus and community. The initiative is funded through a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation grant, according to Dr. Krista Woods, Health and Wellness Grant director.

Registered dietitian Babette Flanagan will present nutritional seminars at noon on the first Tuesday of each month in room 106 of the Boggs Humanities Building at the Fulton Campus and at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in room 220 of the Fitness Center on the Fulton Campus.

Breakfast - The Way to Start Your Day is set for Oct. 20. The November schedule includes Food Labels - Decoding the Mystery, Nov. 3; and Exercise and Weight Loss, Nov. 17.

In addition, individual walk-in sessions are scheduled on the first and third Mondays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and on the second and fourth Mondays from 3-6 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Your ICC connection...





Sideline View

IMANI MORRISON-CLARK
Sports Editor

No problem here

Every year in every season, there are several drug-related incidents in professional sports.

The most commonly used drugs are marijuana and steroids.

Although many believe that these drugs are beneficial, they have long-term effects. Many of these effects are irreversible.

Steroids affect athletes in different ways. Side effects for men can include enlarged breasts, reduced sperm count and the ability to father children. For women, the issues can be decreased breast size, rough skin and a deepened voice. Some side effects, which can be found in both sexes, are liver disease, heart attack, oily skin, violence and uncontrollable high energy. Although steroids are illegal for athletes and despite the side effects, some continue to use them to win games at any cost. In some instances, coaches have encouraged their players to use them to increase body weight and build muscle faster.

Many people in the sporting world believe that marijuana is harmless, but over time there are irreversible effects. They include low blood pressure, rapid heartbeat, dizziness and bloodshot eyes. Athletes who use marijuana can have memory loss and tire easily during a game. It is also illegal for athletes to use marijuana.

The story of Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Phelps is a case in point. A 2009 photo of Phelps smoking marijuana led to his suspension without pay and the loss of his endorsement deal with the cereal company, Kellogg.

Drug use/abuse has never been an issue for Itawamba Community College athletes, but it has in professional sports.

All athletes, no matter at what level, should consider both the side effects to their health and their reputation when they choose to use steroids or marijuana. As a matter of fact, all individuals should think about it. I don't think it's worth the consequences. Do you?



It's all about golf... and taking time out for a cheering selfie this fall... at ICC...



Indians ready for Oct. schedule

Staff Reports
COPIAH-LINCOLN

ICC's football team kicked off its 2015 season with a tall task, hosting No. 7 Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Aug. 27. The Indians held their own against the nationally-ranked Wolves, but came up just short, 26-14.

After falling behind 10-0, the Indians answered with two quick touchdowns before the break. Sophomore quarterback Kwadra Griggs, who finished 18-41 for 128 yards, connected with Dominic Walker on a fade route in the back corner of the endzone from 11 yards out. Zach Ellis nailed the point after, pulling the Indians within three with little more than three minutes left in the half.

The Indian defense forced the Wolves off the field quickly after a big sack by sophomore Quindarius Thagard and a big third down stop led by a hard hit from Eric Hunt.

ICC wasted little time in taking advantage of great field position as Griggs hit Dorian Gaston from 23 yards out. Ellis added the extra point to give the Indians a 14-10 lead with a little over a minute left in the half.

Co-Lin pulled a play out of the old school trick bag at the end of the half by running the "hook and lateral." The Wolves executed the play to perfection, but sophomore defensive back Kendarius Hibbler made a touchdown-saving tackle deep in the red zone as time expired to preserve the Indians' 14-10 lead.

On the first drive of the second half, the Indian defense made another big play, forcing a turnover as Hunt, who finished with a team-high nine tackles, knocked the ball loose and scooped up the recovery. The offense struggled in the third quarter, but the defense, which only allowed 358 total yards, gave Co-Lin fits, holding the Wolves to a field goal to retain a slim 14-13 lead.

In the final quarter, the defense held Co-Lin to another field goal to keep the Indians within one score, but a late interception deep in Indians territory led to a touchdown to allow the Wolves to escape with a 26-14 win.



ICC's Grant Kimberlin makes a leaping catch over an East Mississippi defender at Scooba last Saturday.

at the 9:51 mark of the third quarter.

Griggs answered by finding D'Andre Bolton for a 10-yard touchdown pass to give the Indians a 21-17 lead before the Bobcats made it a one point contest with a 46-yard field goal with 10:44 left to play.

HOLMES

The Indians opened MACJC North Division play with a big road win, Sept. 10, defeating Holmes Community College, 40-14.

The Indians scored early and often with powerful touchdown runs by Kadarius Forside, who picked up 39 yards on eight carries, and two field goals (22, 32) by Zach Ellis to take a 20-7 lead at halftime.

Sophomore quarterback Kwadra Griggs got in on the scoring in the second half with touchdown passes to Isaiah Howard and Dominic Walker.

Freshman running back Octavious Matthews, who finished with 91 yards on nine carries, broke a 52-yard touchdown to put things out of reach in the third quarter.

Griggs finished 13-25 for 125 yards and two touchdowns.

NORTHWEST

The Indians knew they had a tall task in the nationally-ranked Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers, and they took them to the limit.

The Rangers picked off an ICC pass in the final second to escape Fulton with a 31-24 win, Sept. 17.

Northwest jumped out to an early lead, scoring on 75-yard pass on the opening play of the game, but the Indians forced a fumble and Artez Williams picked it up for an 82-yard scoop and score.

The teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter, but a Northwest field goal gave them a 17-14 advantage at the half.

The Indians' defense had numerous stands in the second half, which propelled the offense to tie the game on a Dominic Walker touchdown reception early in the fourth. With just under four minutes remaining, Northwest put together two big runs to score the go-ahead touchdown.

After another defensive stop, the Indians gained possession with a minute remaining. After driving down the field, quarterback Kwadra Griggs threw up a Hail Mary that was tipped at the one, and Northwest snagged the ball for the interception.

EAST MISSISSIPPI

ICC took on its second top 10 team in as many weeks when the Indians hit the road to face nationally-ranked East Mississippi Community College Sept. 26.

The Indians rallied in the second half, but came up short, falling to the Lions, 45-24.

After a sluggish first half, the Indians trailed 24-0 at the half, despite having a red zone opportunity that came up a half-yard short of the endzone. They began to find their rhythm in the second half, and Zach Ellis put the Indians on the board with a 38-yard field goal in the third quarter.

Kwadra Griggs, who passed for a season-high 372 yards, connected with 10 different receivers leading to three fourth-quarter touchdowns. Sophomore Grant Kimberlin led the Indians with six receptions for 82 yards, including a leaping catch over a defender for a big gain.

Dominic Walker, Stanley Higgins and Dorian Gaston were all key targets for Griggs as well as they all finished with 50 plus yards and a touchdown.

The teams were even in the second half with both scoring 24 points, but the sluggish first half proved to be too much for the Indians to overcome.

Artez Williams and DC Olton led the Indians with nine tackles each and Kendarius Hibbler saved a touchdown with his third quarter interception in the endzone. The Indian defense forced three turnovers, the fourth consecutive game for forcing two or more turnovers.

COAHOMA

Freshman running back Octavious Matthews rushed for 115 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries and caught two passes for 84 yards and two more touchdowns in ICC's 49-7 Homecoming victory Saturday over Coahoma Community College.

Ladarius Forside added two rushing touchdowns for the Indians, who piled up 555 yards of total offense.



Octavious Matthews runs for a first down for the Indians while D'Andre Belton blocks a Jones County Junior College Bobcats defender in Sept. 3 action at Eaton Field.

JONES COUNTY

Kwadra Griggs passed for 251 yards and one touchdown while rushing for 15 yards and another score to lead ICC to a 21-20 win over the Jones County Junior College Bobcats, Sept. 3.

ICC had 372 yards of offense, 121 on the ground as the Indians picked up their first win of the season despite totaling 170 yards on 15 penalties.

The game was back-and-forth with both teams going into the break tied at 14. Jones County took a 17-14 lead on a 30-yard field goal

Spotlight

Hester named NJCAA Goalie of Week

The National Junior College Athletic Association has selected Itawamba Community College sophomore Katie Hester as Goalie of the Week for her performance for the Lady Indians.



Hester

In two games, Hester made 20 saves on 21 shots on goal to finish with a .952 save percentage in 135 minutes played. The Pontotoc native had five saves on as many shots on goal in 45 minutes of play during the Lady Indians' 7-0 win over Covenant College.

Hester made 15 saves on 16 shorts on goal over 90 minutes Sept. 27 in the Lady Indians' 1-0 loss to the defending MACJC and NJCAA Region 23 champion, Pearl River Community College. Her 15-save performance tied the program's single game saves record.

Hester, Burton sweep conference awards

Freshman Hope Burton and sophomore Kate Hester swept the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges awards the last week of Sept.



Burton

Burton was named MACJC Player of the Week after scoring two goals and adding to assists to help ICC go 2-1 in the week's play, including the Lady Indians' win over Covenant College.

Burton scored the first goal of the match against Covenant. She scored in the second overtime period against Gulf Coast to give the Lady Indians the 2-1 victory.

Hester earned MACJC Keeper of the Week after going 1-1 in the previous week and recording 20 saves on 21 shots of goals in 135 minutes in net.

(See Hester's additional information in previous story.)

Halbert earns MACJC Keeper of Week

The MACJC announced its weekly soccer awards, Sept. 29, and freshman Keaton Halbert was selected as Keeper of the Week for his performance last week for the Indians.



Halbert

Halbert made 10 saves on 10 shots on goal in 160 minutes in net to help the Indians go 2-1 last week. He had one save in 25 minutes in the Indians' 3-0 road win at Bethel University and followed that with four saves in the first half of ICC's 2-0 loss to Gulf Coast.

The Tupelo native pitched a shutout against the three-time defending MACJC and NJCAA Region 23 champion Pearl River to hand the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

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Soccer teams in action

Lady Indians

Aug. 25 Meridian 4, ICC 0	***Sept. 22*** ICC 7, Covenant College 0
Sept. 8 Hinds 4, ICC 0	***Sept. 25*** ICC 2, Gulf Coast 1
Sept. 11 East Central 3, ICC 3	***Sept. 27*** Pearl River 1, ICC 0
Sept. 16 Northwest 3, ICC 1	***Oct. 2*** ICC 2, Southwest 2
Sept. 18 Holmes 1, ICC 0	***Oct. 4*** St. Charles 3, ICC 0

Indians

Aug. 25 ICC 3, Meridian 0	***Sept. 22*** ICC 3, Bethel 0
Sept. 2 Jones 2, ICC 0	***Sept. 25*** Gulf Coast 2, ICC 0
Sept. 8 Hinds 2, ICC 1	***Sept. 27*** ICC 1, Pearl River 0
Sept. 11 ICC 1, East Central 1	***Sept. 29*** Andrew College 4, ICC 0
Sept. 18 ICC 5, Holmes 0	***Oct. 2*** Southwest 2, ICC 0



ICC hires Bozeman as asst. men's basketball coach

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has hired Eric Bozeman as the Indians' new assistant men's basketball coach.

Bozeman comes to ICC from Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he was the women's head basketball coach after seven seasons as the head men's basketball coach at Southern Arkansas University.

While at Southern Arkansas, he compiled a 73-116 record and led the Muleriders to the Great American Conference Tournament in his final season. It was the program's first postseason tournament berth in 10 years.



Bozeman

He was the assistant coach of the Reddies from 1991-93 before taking over as head coach and was the face of the Henderson State program from 1993-96, He led the squad to a 71-67 record during his tenure as head coach.

Bozeman led Henderson to back-to-back 20-win seasons before taking the job as assistant men's head coach at Ole Miss. He worked under head coach Rod Barnes from 1998-2005 and helped lead the Rebels to three 20-win seasons, three NCAA tournament berths and a Sweet 16 appearance in 2000-01.

The Little Rock, Ark. native replaces former assistant coach Adam Kirk, who helped lead the Indians to the 2013-14 MACJC Championship and took over as the boys' head basketball coach at Ripley High School.

Bozeman earned the master of science degree from Henderson State and a bachelor's degree from Arkansas Tech, where he was an all-conference selection for the men's basketball team.

COMING UP IN ICC ATHLETICS...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Oct. 16	Northeast	10 a.m.
	Pearl River	4 p.m.

@ Delta State University

FOOTBALL

Oct. 8	@Northeast	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	MS Delta	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ Gulf Coast	3:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Women's

Oct. 9	@ Hinds	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	East Central	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	Northwest	1 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Holmes	2 p.m.
Oct. 23	Meridian	3 p.m.

Men's

Oct. 9	@ Hinds	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	East Central	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	Northwest	3 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Holmes	4 p.m.
Oct. 23	Meridian	1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Oct. 11	Christian Brothers	noon
	East Central	2 p.m.
	East Central	3:30
Oct. 16	TBA	TBA

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